

Cotswold Vale TR Newsletter – June 2010

Here's what we got up to since the last meeting, and a few additions from Richard Durrant.....

Donnington Collection – 20 May 2010

Further to Ian's report in the current Group Newsletter on our visit to the Donnington Collection, we were informed that there is no truth in the rumour that cars are being sold off to raise the finance needed to restore the circuit environment to its state before Bernie's ill advised and aborted attempt to relocate the British Grand Prix away from Silverstone. In fact, cars are moved around for exhibition in other collections! One of these, the Bugatti Royale replica commissioned by Tom Wheatcroft and built to factory specifications and drawings because he couldn't purchase one of the five originals, is currently on display in Holland!

The good news is that Kevin Wheatcroft hopes to have the circuit open in August – maybe we'll arrange another visit!!

On the subject of replicas I am still having difficulty accepting that the Mercedes racer was built in Argentina four years ago. See if you can find any clues in the photos!!!



Words and images courtesy of Richard Durrant

Standard-Triumph Marque Weekend Prescott 22/23 May 2010

Prescott – possibly the most scenic and spectator-friendly hill climb course (and one of the oldest) in the country (in my opinion!). Wonderful weather all weekend, and with the preserved steam train puffing away in the valley, you could imagine that you were back in an age when many of the 650 cars there were used every day.

Cotswold Vale Group made a very significant contribution to the success of the weekend, under the coordination of Merv Parkes and Phil Collins, in staffing the entrance on both days, and on Sunday Meg and Leslie handled the signing on of around 450 hill climbers!!!



“Exciting” runs were laid on in a race Stag, Jigsaw Racing’s Le Mans Spitfire and our very own Simon Coldbreath’s TR4. Simon was pulled over by a marshall on one of his practice runs to be told to stop driving so fast – am I missing the point somewhere..!!



Nine cars turned up from Holland, including a very tasty Triumph Gloria (which lost electrics at the gate – CVTR service department successfully diagnosed a fuse!),



and an LPG powered TR6 pulling a trailer. Said TR6 lowered parasol and proceeded up the hill, complete with trailer, putting in a very respectable time of 66secs. The hill record is around 35secs!

We fixed Hogan's ignition/fuel cutout, courtesy of a spare starter switch provided by Ian Brown, (which was eventually correctly wired up after Hogans fiancé spotted a disconnected feed wire), and then his gearbox selectors got out of sync, so he had to depart on a recovery truck – bad luck, but now fixed.



The Register TR7 was a non-starter as the differential packed up.....on its way back from the garage where it was readied for the RBRR in October.....

How did the Austin Seven Special get in??



If you didn't have a look round the Bugatti Museum, there is an extra reason for attending a Prescott Hill Climb.



ACORNS HOSPICE VISIT 29th May

Visit to Acorns Trust with 9 cars including Phil Blake's Ferrari (his TR5 was off the road with an oil leak). The weather was a bit suspect, but several members met up at the Plough and Harrow beforehand before making their way to Worcester.

The visit was really appreciated by the staff and some of the carers and residents. However, our members and partners also gained much from the visit, and appreciated the enthusiasm of the staff and the positive atmosphere generated in demanding circumstances, truly humbling....

One lovely little girl in particular, took great delight in sounding Dave Gillespie's klaxon and standard horn. Thankfully the battery stood up to the battering before she moved on to Ian's car.....



Many thanks to Andrew and Sue Racey, Mike Hill, Alan Stevens, Simon Coldbreath, Dave Gillespie, Martin Pugh, Colin and Les Boother, Phil and Wendy Blake, and our GL Andy Canning.

Our next outing with Acorns is on the 18th July, when we hope to have 20 cars to take the Dads (bereaved and current) out for a drive with lunch arranged at The Hunters Inn, Longdon. If you want to support this worth cause in our anniversary year, please get in touch with Ian Brown, we could still use a couple more volunteers..... (find out more about our fund raising efforts later in this report).

The Fleece, Bretforton, Annual Asparagus and Craft Fare, May 31st

The Van (one of the many group support vehicles) passed its MOT – Yippee.....

Andy and the Gazebo were in position ready for 11 cars - including Nigel's Peerless and Dave Newberry's TR8.

Although the clouds looked a bit threatening, it turned out to be a nice afternoon. There were lots of people admiring the cars and asking questions about them. Mike Hill threatened to buy Nigel's Spitfire -- watch this space as one of his family may have a present coming their way.

Birmingham Group Concours - The Moat House at Alcester, June 9th

This was a really great informal evening, which started out after some horrendous rain earlier in the day, which cleared up in the early evening. The clouds continued to threaten but thankfully they held onto their contents (or deposited them elsewhere!)

CVTR was well represented, indeed taking several of the concours awards, the table below shows who won what.....

Category	Sponsor	Model	Reg No	Owner
TR2/3	ESP RICHARD FLYNN			
WINNER		TR3A	257KDH	IAN BROWN
RUNNER UP		TR2	THY214	PHIL COLLINS
TR4/5	LARGER THAN LIFE NIGEL CLULEY			
WINNER		TR5	PAL600F	PHIL BLAKE
RUNNER UP		TR4	320EWD	CHRIS HUBBALL
TR6	BLAKEDOWN SPORTS CARS			
WINNER		TR6	GDH363N	LEE LAIGHT
RUNNER UP		TR6	YMK181H	RICHARD FLYNN
TR7/8	OFC(UK)Ltd FRANK HOLTZ			
WINNER		TR7	38 FVP	DAVE NEWBERY
RUNNER UP		TR7	DHO126W	PHIL DANIELS
BEST OF SHOW	JIGSAW RACING			
WINNER		TR5	PAL600F	PHIL BLAKE
RUNNER UP		PEERLESS GT	8583BP	NIGEL CLULEY
MASTERS CLASS	DAVID MANNERS PARTS GROUP			
WINNER		TR6	VPE353M	PAUL GRIFFIES
BEST OF SHOW		TR4A	SVN97D	COLIN BOOTHER
Non TR	CP FASTENERS CARL DANIELS			
WINNER		MGB ROADSTER	FWK47L	DIANE RAYNER ARDEN MG CLUB

The event was attended by Chris Cunnington who drove back to Winchester later that evening, again proving the old adage, "nowhere's far in a TR". However, Chris only just beat Paul Griffiths who had come down from Cheshire in his TR6 to just pip Colin in the Masterclass.

Here are a few images of the event:-



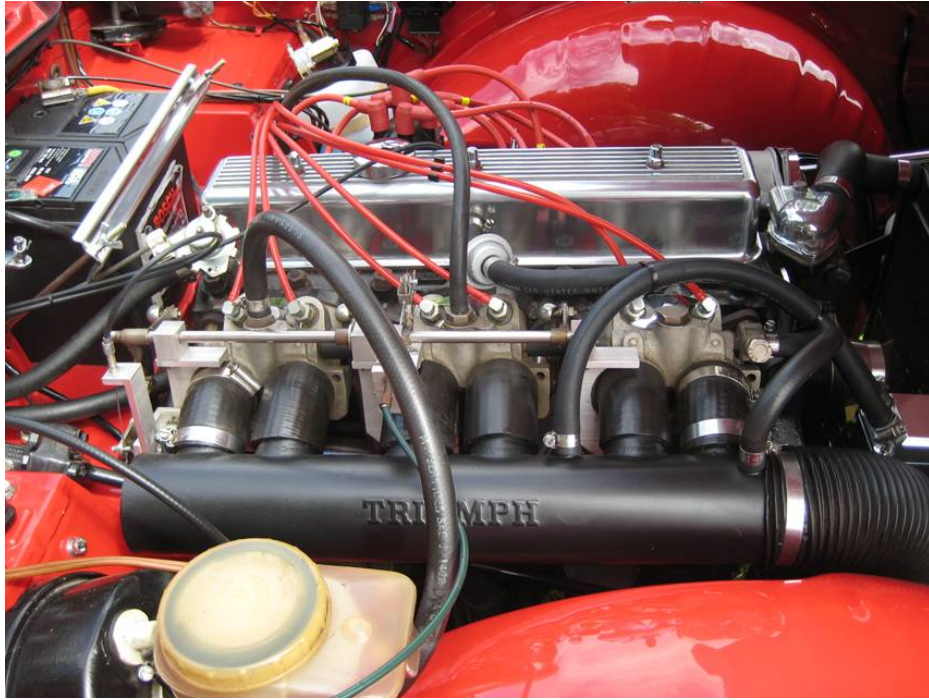
Churchill Classic Car Show – June 13th

Seven Cotswold Vale TRs and a Volvo estate assembled at Tesco in Stow-on-the-Wold for the short run to the beautiful Cotswold village of Churchill to take part in their Vintage and Classic Car Show.

Andy's blue rope was not needed as the organisers had provided a pre-marked wavy line to park up to anyway!



Phil and Sandy were a bit late, having blown a tyre on their TR5 a mile from home. It was torn round a lot of the sidewall – good job it wasn't on the front. New tyres all round, Phil!! Fortunately there was no damage to the car. Running intermittently on 5 cylinders on arrival (TR5!!?), but Colin produced a spare injector – job done.



This is one of the best shows we attend with around 450 cars from all vintage and classic eras on display, some immaculate, some not! For the eclectic motoring fans, there was also a very interesting selection of tractors and mobile and stationary steam engines. And of course the autojumble stalls. No bee swarm this year though!

All the usual sideshows and stalls, a band and bagpipe recital over the lunch period, was probably commissioned by the local pub, which got very busy! Burgers, hot dogs and cakes but NO CUSTARD, so Colin had to compensate with several helpings of chocolate cake – note photographic evidence shown in Yank Tank reflective headlight cowls!



Too many cars to comment on individually –

Green TR3A – potential for a new member of CVTRG?

Two Swallow Doretts and only one GT6

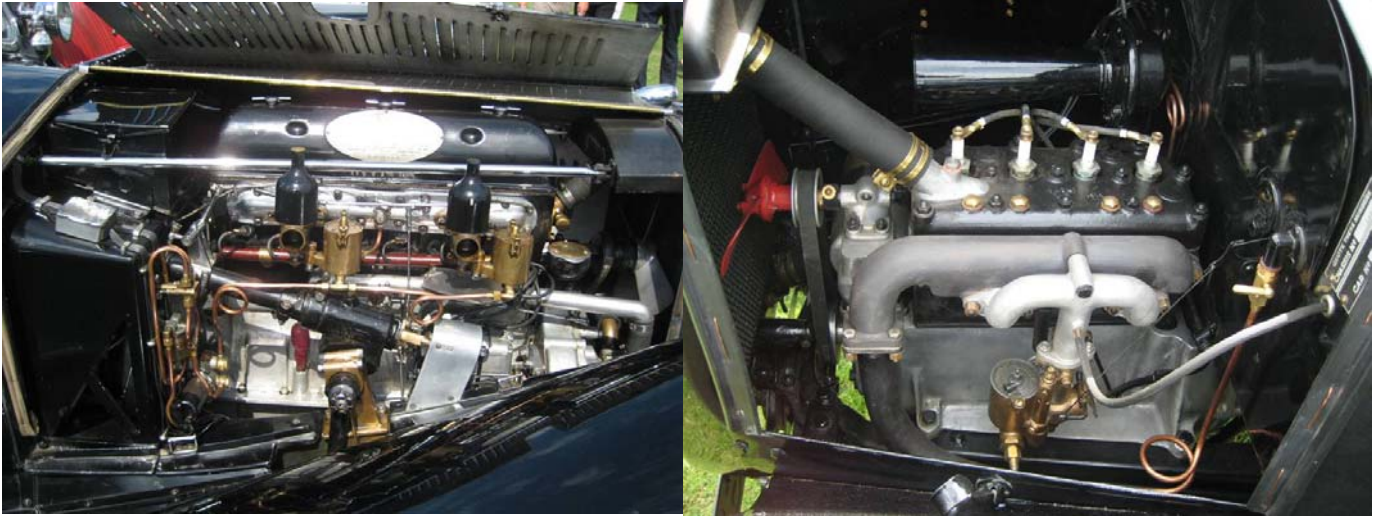
Note the coach lining all over the 1934 RR Phantom Two – even the wheels,



and who would say no to the Alvis TD drophead gentleman's carriage.



Both beautifully detailed, but compare the complexity of the engines in the 1928 fabric bodied Austin Seven with that of the 1934 Invicta Tourer.



The Morgan display included a 1924 car. The owner said he is going to use it unrestored as it is, but note the modern bonnet buffer!



Finally, Terry obviously didn't notice the arrow on the Toilet sign.....



And, Austin Sevens are not the best choice for some people...



Warwick Castle Classic Car Show. June 20th

Five cars from CVTR turned up, Alan Wilding, Keith Brown, Martin Pemberton, Phil Blake and Andrew Racey. Bob Heppel arrived 30 minutes late having bluffed his way in although he hadn't registered! He thought he would stay for an hour or two but of course the gates were locked until 6.00pm. He told his wife he would be home for lunch -- we hear it's now in the dog!

Andrew Racey even found time for a power nap whilst Sue caught up with the news.....



Great day, super surroundings and the cars were parked up on the lawns. Lots for people to see and do, so next year we may get more cars attending.....

CVTR Monthly Meeting, The Fleece Wed 23rd June

The meeting opened with apologies from Colin and Les Boother, Ian Brown and Anthony Bond –who were all on holiday.

Andy welcomed new member Brian Wiggins from Redditch, and Ken and Anthea, with a TR5 and had come from Tewkesbury.

We had 34 members at the meeting with 19 cars -- a super turnout.

After covering the activities of the past month Andy then reviewed the diary for the next few weeks.

July 4th -- The long awaited Blist Hill trip. We have 14 cars confirmed so far .Details will be sent to those who have booked via e-mail. Anyone else wishing to should contact Andrew Racey via e-mail on andrew@aracey.orangehome.co.uk

July 10th/11th is the Fladbury walkabout.

July 18th is the Acorns trust "Dads" day. We have 22 cars booked at present but could still do with a couple more. The raffles have raised a staggering £386.00 to go towards the cost of paying for the buffet etc. Ian Brown will send out exact details of times etc in the next few days.

July 23rd Is the Birlingham vintage and classic car show--well worth a visit if you can make it for 6.00pm start.

July 24/25 is the IWE at Malvern. As usual CVTR are heavily involved on the bring and buy, and this year the Saturday night disco is being run by our Group Leader --Andy Canning--So should be a good weekend. Alan Wilding will send out a list of those people who are on the bring and buy as helpers.

Looking ahead --a date for the diary is **October 16th** at the Wye Boat club for our own 30th year celebration.

So lots to do, places to go and things to see. Get the sun cream out and enjoy.

Andrew Racey and Ian Brown